WSUL AUTOMATION PROJECT
Progress Report
December 1985

NOTIS Contract Negotiations

The completed NOTIS contract was received in late December, after a few minor revisions were made during telephone consultations.

NOTIS Installation

Randy Menakes, of NOTIS, spent December 16 through 18 at the WSU Computing Center overseeing the installation of the NOTIS software, as scheduled. An advance tape of sample records from Northwestern's database was received prior to his arrival. Rick McCreedy, the CSC systems programmer, had already installed the software and begun testing it with the sample data earlier in the month.

During the installation, some customization of the "vanilla" OCLC tape loader program was done, enabling the loading of WSUL's test database of 4309 bibliographic records. All indexes except subject and call number were subsequently built for the test database. Terminals with access to the NOTIS system can now view WSUL test data. The installation was deemed a success.

Work continued on the specifications for the OCLC tape loader modifications needed to load WSUL's bibliographic records.

Computing Services Center

An applications programmer/analyst, Dorothy Fox, has accepted the position for the Libraries' NOTIS system. She begins work January 3, 1986.

The written service level agreement between the Libraries and the CSC is close to completion. Still needed are costs for additional system software that may be installed on the IBM 4381 cpu and a payment plan for the Libraries.

OCLC Tape Project

The sample tape of WSUL OCLC records was tested and copied for use during the NOTIS installation. The tapes delivered in October from Blackwell North America are still being copied and tested, along with the OCLC "snapshot" tape of Wayne's serials records.

Installation of Peripherals

Telex supplied three terminals for evaluation during December. One Telex 078 model is installed in the Purdy

Library, and a Telex 078 and 476L, with a 281B printer are installed at the Computing Center. An initial order for Telex 476L terminals and printers to be used for data entry was placed during December. Further evaluation of the Telex 078 model is needed before ordering online catalog and circulaton terminals.

Library Cards

The University has decided to discontinue its plans for a University-wide barcoded picture ID card. The Libraries now will develop plans to design and issue barcoded Library Cards. A related project is the development of the library patron database in the NOTIS system, using data from the University's name/address files.

University Archives/Reuther Library

A preliminary report was completed in December regarding the use of the NOTIS system to automate some record-keeping functions of the University Archives/Reuther Library.

DALNET Status

A preliminary charging schedule was developed for DALNET library participants during December. It was for libraries interested in making a capital contribution to the central site hardware and software.

A revised set of Bylaws for the DALNET group was presented for review, based on the emerging capital contribution model being developed.

NOTIS Demonstrations

On December 6, Betsy Baker of Northwestern University Library visited with WSUL's public services librarians. She described Northwestern's user education program for LUIS, their online public access catalog. Demonstrations of LUIS were held via dialing into the Northwestern database.

Retrospective Conversion Project

During December, the WSUL retrospective conversion project staff converted 1,704 titles into machine readable form, bringing the total number of pre-1975 titles converted to date to 86,938.

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